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Minal Village enjoys the Summer!

Minal villagers and their families and friends have come out to support and enjoy social events this summer. It is due to this support and hard work that Minal Village offers such a happy and friendly environment for all.

Village Fete



Saturday 23rd July welcomed a large, excited crowd to the Sports Field which had been festooned with stalls, bunting, tractors, fire engine, bouncy castle, sport activities and more. Not to mention the busy BBQ, Bar and Tea Stands. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves with the highlights once again being the Dog Show, Human Fruit Machine and Face Painting. Many thanks to the very hard working volunteers before, during and after the event. In addition to being a convivial community event, the fete has once again generated much needed funds which are split equally between the three village voluntary organisations (Sports and Social, Village Hall and Church).



Party Time!

From 6pm on the same day, the BBQ and Bar reopened and the **live music** started! Minal's own Nick Beere and Ashley Miles entertained the growing crowd with an acoustic set while the power was down! Fortunately the power returned in time for the fantastic Barrelhouse to bring the crowd to their feet. Music definitely lifts the soul as demonstrated by old and young releasing their inhibitions on the "dance floor".



Red Sky at Night



On Friday 22nd July, the outdoor Mikron theatre returned to the Minal Sports Field and staged another hilarious, clever and skilful performance. About 70 people enjoyed the show, marvelling at the talent of the actors as they swapped characters and played multiple musical instruments. Of course with the theme being the weather, the heavens opened for a while but this did not deter either audience or performers!



The Pub Reopens!

On the 18th August villagers turned out in numbers for the soft opening of the newly refurbished **Horseshoe**, a day before the official opening to the public. There was a great vibe and general approval of the new décor and the beer! The pub will be offering drinks only for the next month or two, awaiting completion of the kitchen and dining room.

Current opening times are:

Wednesday & Thursday: 5pm -11pm

Friday & Saturday: 12pm – 11pm

Sunday: 12pm – 5pm

Bob Barnett's Bench

Pauline and family would like to thank the Sports and Social Club, Village Hall, Parish Council and the Church for the lovely bench they contributed in memory of Bob. It is now in place at the top of the sports field.

What's On?

MINAL CHURCH



Services are held in St John the Baptist Church every Sunday at 9.00am.

All are welcome



Wiltshire Council has received a claim for judicial review relating to the Draft Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan. This meant that the poll did not take place on Thursday 11 August 2022. Wiltshire Council have said that any further enquiries should be directed to their Press Office 01225 713114

St John the Baptist Church, Minal invites you to a
Bring and Share



Harvest Barn Dance

On Friday 30th September '22
6 - 8pm

In the Mildenhall Village Hall
Adults £7.50 (with a free drink) Under 13s free



Music and caller by David Ripley.
Fun for all the family, good food and the opportunity to show your 'best moves'.

Tickets Gilly Price. [07785 568513](tel:07785568513)
gilly.price@btinternet.com

Minal Book Group

The next meeting on Thursday 29 September will, we hope, be reverting to the Horseshoe. We will be reviewing "A Class Act" by Gervase Phinn. Any new members welcome; please contact Deirdre Watson

on dwatsonweavers@gmail.com, or on 512729.

Minal Gardening Club

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7 September. Please contact Sue Hine at 07919128758 for details

Grove Farm Butchery

Grove Farm butchery is now open at the top of Thicketts Road. Fully stocked with a wide range of meat and farm products. Open Monday to Saturday 9am to 2pm and hopes to open more in the near future. Orders can be placed at www.stitchcombefoods.co.uk or by phone to 07928 454564



A Minal Legend

David John Mortimer Fishlock
25th December 1942 – 13th July 2022



Minal bade farewell to David Fishlock at a moving Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving held at St John the Baptist and afterwards at the Village Hall on 12th August 2022. His family bravely gave emotional tributes and led the large congregation in repeated hymn choruses as was David's way. Emma described her father eloquently saying that he was: *Genuine, warm, generous, a craftsman, an artist, gardener, determined, colourful, a bell ringer, dog lover, mischievous, welcoming, cheerful*. David was born and spent his entire life in Minal. He married Mary in October 1964 and they settled in Minal where she ran the post office while David worked in the building industry, starting his own successful contracting firm. He was always a busy person, with great vision and will to get things done both for his family and the community. He had an incredible talent for handiwork and the village abounds with examples. David loved to share his wonderful memory and knowledge and was always keen to tell stories of people, places and happenings of years gone by. His contribution in word and kind is immeasurable.

We will miss your smiling face David.

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